

**Transportation Commission of Colorado  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2013**

**convened the meeting at a.m. in the auditorium of the headquarters building in Denver Colorado.**

PRESENT WERE: Doug Aden, Chairman, District 7  
Shannon Gifford, District 1  
Ed Peterson, District 2  
Gary Reiff, Chairman, District 3  
Heather Barry, District 4  
Kathy Gilliland, District 5  
Kathy Connell, District 6  
Sidny Zink, District 8  
Les Gruen, District 9  
Bill Thiebaut, District 10

EXCUSED: Steve Hofmeister, District 11

ALSO PRESENT: Don Hunt, Executive Director  
Gary Vansuch, Director of Process Improvement  
Ben Stein, CFO  
Tim Harris, Chief Engineer  
Heidi Bimmerle, Director of Admin & Human Resources  
Debra Perkins-Smith, Director of Division of Transportation Development  
Herman Stockinger, Director of Policy and Government Relations  
Mark Imhoff, Director of Division of Transit and Rail  
Mike Cheroutes, Director of HPTE  
Barbara Gold, Director of Audit Division  
Ryan Rice, Director of Operations Division  
Amy Ford, Director of Public Relations  
Scott McDaniel, Director of Staff Services  
Tony DeVito, Region 1 Transportation Director  
Tom Wrona, Region 2 Transportation Director  
Dave Eller, Region 3 Transportation Director  
Johnny Olson, Region 4 Transportation Director  
Kerrie Neet, Region 5 Transportation Director  
Kathy Young, Chief Transportation Counsel  
John Cater, FHWA  
Vince Rogalski, Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

AND: Other staff members, organization representatives,  
the public and the news media

An electronic recording of the meeting was made and filed with supporting documents in the Transportation Commission office.

### **Audience Participation**

Chairman Aden mentioned that there were no members of the audience wishing to address the Commissioners but, that due to the early start of the meeting, if anyone arrived and wished to address the Commission they would be able to do so at that time

### **Individual Commissioner Comments**

**Commissioner Gifford** inquired about the devolution process. Commissioner Gifford mentioned that while meeting with the public there were quite a few comments on Denver's roads are seen as potential net liabilities in terms of needed a lot of upgrades, in terms of ADA. If the Commission's goal is to get roads off the system then maybe as a Commission we should give these concerns some thought.

**Commissioner Reiff** had nothing to report this month

**Commissioner Thiebaut** stated that this past month has been rather remarkable. In the past month the Commissioner commented that he has really seen some remarkable work from CDOT. Since transitioning from his role on the Legislature to a Transportation Commissioner, Commissioner Thiebaut has been given a different prospective on how CDOT operates as an agency. Commissioner Thiebaut wanted to especially thank Tim Harris for working with the Commissioner on a moment's notice. Commissioner Thiebaut also thanked Tom Wrona from Region Two.

**Commissioner Gilliland** mentioned that she would like to extend her thank you to the CDOT personnel throughout the state for the work being done because of the flooding disaster. The Commissioner commended the frontline staff for the tireless efforts.

**Commissioner Gilliland** went on to report that Region Four has been working very diligently on the I-25 RAMP Project and that a lot of time was spent meeting with businesses up and down the corridor. The Commissions efforts have brought the community together in support.

**Commissioner Gruen** stated that three weeks ago he had an opportunity to present before the Legislative Transportation Review Committee. Commissioner Gruen went on to thank Tom Wrona & Kurt Morrison for their assistance in setting the stage for his presentation. The Commissioner stated that Kurt Morrison did a masterful job in setting the stage for the presentation and it was well received by the legislative members. Commissioner Gruen stated that the presentation was well received. The Commissioner went on to commend the host Pam Shockley, Chancellor, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

**Commissioner Connell** thanked staff for their hard work with the Disaster Relief efforts and RAMP. The Commissioner attended two meetings with the Legislative Transportation Committee (Kremmling & Steamboat) both meetings were well attended. Commissioner Connell thanked Kurt Morrison for his preparation. Next week the Commissioner will attend the Rifle Listening Session with Don Hunt.

**Commissioner Zink** mentioned that she continues to be very impressed by CDOT's work. Commissioner Zink reported that in the past month the Commissioner was able to meet five of her County Commissioners. The Commissioner was able to attend a Club 20 meeting as well this month.

**Commissioner Barry** commended the staff on CDOT's commitment to the state during this trying time. Unfortunately because of the storm Bagels with Barry did not take place in September, but has been rescheduled for October 10. The Commissioner plans to meet with Boulder County tomorrow (September 20, 2013) to sit down with counties that were hit hard by the storm. Commissioner Barry spoke with Commerce City Mayor Shawn Ford regarding the RAMP List. Mayor Ford was very pleased with the devolution of SH2.

**Commissioner Peterson** commended the staff & leadership for the continued work that CDOT is doing. The Commissioner states thanked Tim Harris & his staff, Johnny Olson & his staff, Tony DeVito & the staff of Jefferson County. The Commissioner stated that he felt honored to be part of the Transportation Commission.

**Chairman Aden** reported that the Chairman & former Commissioner Parker attended the Club 20 fall board meeting to report the status of the MPACT64 discussions. Parker is now the co-chair of the Club 20 Transportation Committee, hopefully when the Commissioner visits in the spring, Club 20 will endorse the proposed ballot initiative.

**Chairman Aden** also attended the TLRC field hearings in Glenwood Springs & Grand Junction. The Chairman thanked Kurt Morrison & Dave Ellers for their support. The Glenwood meeting was particularly interesting because there was a debate on whether we should replace the Grand Avenue Bridge or whether we should invest in a bypass. There were a number of naysayers in the community the legislators appreciated the community's input.

The Chairman also attended meetings along with Region Three staff in Eagle & Garfield Counties and was satisfied with both discussions.

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

Director Hunt mentioned that the brilliance of the CDOT staff was highlighted this month especially when it came to putting the RAMP Projects together from the Regions all the way on up, right down to developing tables to further explain a very complicated project. He complimented CDOT on their partnership with FHWA & the Federal government.

Director Hunt presented with gifts to staffers of VTRANS who visited us to assist us having recently gone through a similar disaster two years ago with Tropical Storm Irene. Mr. Hunt presented these gifts and made the staffers honorary CDOTers.

#### **Chief Engineer Report**

Chief Engineer Harris commended his staff on all the hard work regarding RAMP. Chief Engineer Harris acknowledged Scott McDaniel for his 21 years of service with a letter signed by the Chief Engineer & a certificate.

### **High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Director's Report**

Mike Cheroutes reported that there were a few items he wanted to highlight:

- US36 close to completion
- HPTE TAPER exempt powers in helping with the Flood Disaster

### **FHWA Division Administrator Report**

Doug Bennett mentioned that the FHWA has \$30 Million in its office in Lakewood to be disbursed for projects to assist CDOT in its emergency relief efforts. FHWA has also set aside \$100 million dollars for CDOT to assist in restoration and permanent repair. If the cost exceeds these amounts Mr. Bennett believes that FHWA will succeed in procuring additional Federal Money.

### **STAC Report**

Debra Perkins-Smith decided to highlight four topics was discussed during the STAC Meeting which was held on Friday, September 13, 2013:

- Capital Development Committee Request for Capital Improvements to Hanging Lake Tunnel that STAC plans to submit to the CDC.
- STAC's Presentation for the Listening Tours by Executive Director Hunt was well received.
- STAC had a presentation on Asset Management & Program Distribution with the subcommittee diligently working on formulas to match the recommendations.
- RAMP was very well received by STAC

### **Act on Consent Agenda**

Chairman Aden stated that a motion would be entertained on the Consent Agenda and Commissioner moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner seconded the motion and on a vote of the Commission, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

### **Resolution to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18 & 19, 2013.**

#### **Resolution #TC-3099**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission's Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18 & 19 are hereby approved as published in the official agenda of the October 17 & 18, 2013 meeting Agenda.

### **Discuss and Act on the 4th Budget Supplement**

Scott Richrath presented to the Commission the Fourth Budget Supplement to include the following revisions:

#### **FY2014 Fourth Budget Supplement**

The Fourth Budget Supplement attached includes the following revisions:

- Projects added, revised, or struck from the packet version
- Inserted Supplement Detail Summary page

- Updated the available TCCRF balance from \$66,990,965 to \$118,215,277 based on calculation on page 11 that captures settlement of FY 2013 contingency, FY 2014 reconciliation, and more than \$25 million in FY 2013 Federal redistribution.

## **Region 1**

- \$150,000 – Statewide Bridge Program – *Bridge Deck Rehabilitation on I-70 and I-76* – Bridge Rehabilitation – This action establishes the design phase of work for the following structures: E-17-QF, E-17-GV, E-16-HE, E-16-HF, F-16-AS, and F-16-AT. Construction advertisement is scheduled for May 2014.
- \$1,175,000 – Statewide Highway Safety Program – *Signals: SH 88 @ Evans & SH 95 @ SH40* – Safety – This action budgets the construction phase of work for two Denver signal systems to be upgraded. Lane widening will be included in the work. Construction advertisement is scheduled for September 2013.
- \$3,200,000 – Surface Treatment Program and On-System Bridge Program – *US 40: Federal to Speer Boulevard* – Resurfacing and Bridge Repairs – This action establishes the construction phase of work. The project is shown on the FY 2014 list for \$2,000,000. The project's scope has been expanded to include bridge work to replace bridge joints and to repair pier caps. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.
- \$75,727 – Statewide Highway Safety Program – *Traffic Signal @ South Potomac Street and East Briarwood Avenue* – Safety – This action establishes the construction phase of work to install a new traffic signal. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.
- \$29,500,000 – FASTER Safety Program – *I-25: Santa Fe and Alameda Interchange* – Reconstruction – This action establishes the construction phase of work to replace the Alameda South Platte River Bridge (Structure F-16-XU) and to construct the Alameda flyover ramp on I-25 northbound. The project was originally fully funded in FY 2014. For budgeting purposes, the project will be funded from FY 14 and FY 15. Expenditures are projected to occur over a three-year period. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.
- \$948,528 – FASTER Safety Program – *I-76 at US 85: Eastbound and Westbound* – Safety – This action augments the design phase of work for design options that relate to a horizontal curve along the existing stretch of westbound I-76, approaching the merge point with SH 85 southbound, and for resurfacing I-76 from 96th to the exit at SH 85.
- \$1,350,000 – Strategic Corridor Program – *I-70: Twin Tunnels Widening – Construction Package #3* – Enhancements – This action budgets local funds from Clear Creek County for stream and trailhead improvements. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.

- \$80,000 – Regional Priority Program – *I-25 North - Travel Demand Management* – This action establishes the miscellaneous phase of work to lessen the impact to commuters during construction of the I-25 North Managed Lanes.
- \$206,000 – FASTER Safety Program – *I-76 and C-470: Cable Rail Barrier* – Safety – This action establishes the design phase of work to install cable rail barrier in the median at three locations: I-76 from SH 85 to Sable ramps (approximately 2.6 miles); C-470 near I-25 (0.5 mile); and C-470 near SH 8 (0.2 mile). Note: the I-76 location is critical due to a fatal cross over accident. Construction cost is estimated at \$1,525,000, and the advertisement for construction is scheduled for January 2014.
- \$300,000 – Bridge On-System Program – *I-70: Tower Road to Colfax* – Geo-Synthetically Reinforced Soil (GRS) Instrumentation and Monitoring – In the July 2013 Supplement, this project was authorized for \$200,000 to comply with the Federal Highways for Life Grant's post-construction conditions. However, as the final cost estimate was developed, it showed original estimate to be considerably short.
- \$400,000 – Rock Fall Mitigation Program – *I-70: Georgetown Hill – Chutes 2-3* – Rock Fall Mitigation – This action augments the construction budget due to the need for additional rock fall fencing and additional draped netting. The project is scheduled to be completed this fall.
- \$450,000 – FASTER Safety Program – *Federal Boulevard (SH 287) and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SH 128)* – Concrete Reconstruction – This action augments the design phase of work for the region's funding commitment to DRCOG to incorporate CDOT's needs into this local project. The project will be advertised by the local agency (city of Westminster), and CDOT will provide construction oversight. Construction advertisement is scheduled for August 2014.
- \$500,000 – STP Urban and FASTER Safety Program – *I-25: Lincoln Avenue to County Line Road* – Reconstruction – This action budgets funds to accelerate completion of the design phase of work so that construction advertisement may proceed in March 2014 rather than July 2014.
- \$500,000 – FASTER Safety Program – *US 285: Replace Broken Concrete Pavement and Restripe Roadway (MP 230 to MP 246)* – Safety – This action establishes the construction phase of work. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.
- \$710,000 – FASTER Safety Program and Regional Priority Program – *Eisenhower Johnson Memorial Tunnels (EJMT) Fire Suppression System* – Safety – This action augments the design phase of work and establishes a miscellaneous phase of work for final preparation and review of documents for the design/build process. The request for qualifications (RFQ) is expected in October 2013. Note: On September 5, 2013, U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx announced that CDOT will receive \$10,000,000 from the DOT's highly competitive Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program.

- \$4,000,000 – Regional Priority Program, Faster Safety Program, and On-System Bridge Program – *I-25: Santa Fe Interchange* – Reconstruction – This action augments the right-of-way phase of work for additional parcel acquisition.

## **Region 2**

- \$248,370 – Statewide Bridge Program – *US 50: Road to Pueblo Chemical Depot - North Avondale* – Bridge Repair – This action budgets the construction phase of work to repair a girder on Structure K-19-V that was struck and damaged by an oversize load. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.
- \$400,000 – Statewide Highway Safety Program and Local Agency (City and County of Pueblo) – Roundabout at Purcell and Platteville – Safety – This action will fund the construction phase of work for this local project. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.

## **Region 3**

- 175,000 – Regional Priority Program – *US 50: ROW Phase II* – Reconstruction – This action establishes the right-of-way phase of work.
- \$1,020,000 – Tunnel Program – *Hanging Lake Tunnel Lighting Retrofit* – This action establishes a miscellaneous phase of work to upgrade the tunnel's lighting. Project is included in the Transportation Asset Management Plan.
- \$4,200,000 – Surface Treatment Program – *SH 64: East of Rangely* – Overlay, Shoulders, and Safety Improvements – This action will fund the construction phase of work. Construction advertisement date is scheduled for October 2013.

## **Region 4**

- \$1,300,000 – Surface Treatment Program – *SH 14: West Main in Sterling* – Resurfacing – This action will increase the construction phase of work based on the current engineer's estimate. This project was approved in FY 2013 but rolled over into FY 2014. It is not on the FY 2014 approved list of Surface Treatment projects. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.
- \$325,000 – Surface Treatment Program – *Dollerschell Pit Reclamation* – Resurfacing – This action will establish the construction phase of work to perform reclamation on an old pit used by CDOT in northeastern Colorado. This project is not on the FY 2014 approved list of Surface Treatment projects. Construction advertisement is scheduled for September 2013.
- \$25,000,000 – Surface Treatment Program – *I-76: East of Crook to Sedgwick - Phase I* – Resurfacing – This action establishes the construction phase of work based on the current engineer's estimate. This project is on the FY 2014 approved list of Surface Treatment projects. Construction advertisement is scheduled for October 2013.

## **Region 5**

- \$1,309,959 – Statewide Highway Safety Program – *West Junction of US 160 and US 550 - Durango* – Reconstruction – This action will increase the construction budget

for added multi-modal elements, bicycle compliant bridge railing, permanent best management practices for MS4 requirements, intersection operational and continuous flow improvements. Construction advertisement is scheduled for September 2013.

#### **Material and Geo-Technical Branch**

- \$100,000 – Transportation Commission Contingency Reserve – In June 2011 Xcel replaced a meter at the Material and Geo-Technical Branch building at North Holy and erroneously set the meter with a multiplier which was too low given the amount of energy consumption the location generates. Xcel recently discovered its multiplier error and is requesting a lump sum payment for the under-billed amount.

#### **Staff Bridge**

- \$3,018,000 – Statewide Bridge Program – *Plan of Action for Scour of Critical Bridges* – Work will include: final hydraulic and scour analysis, countermeasure design, required construction drawings and bid packages for the 27 bridges identified as a high priority during the previous phase of the Plan of Action. Design work is anticipated to be completed by the end of calendar year 2014.

#### **Division of Transportation Development**

- \$20,000 – FHWA Discretionary Allocation – CDOT has received an allocation for a pilot project of the Energy and Emissions Policy Analysis Tool (EERPAT). The purpose of the project is to (1) provide assistance to Colorado DOT in evaluating and analyzing various greenhouse gasses (GHG) and energy reduction scenarios and alternatives; (2) build GHG and energy analysis capacity at Colorado DOT; (3) provide feedback to FHWA for refinement of the tool. These Federal funds require a state match of 50%.

Commissioner Aden made a motion for approval of the Budget Supplement. The motion was moved by Commissioner Barry and seconded by Commissioner Gilliland. On a vote by the Commission the Budget Supplement was unanimously approved.

#### **Resolution #TC-3101**

#### **Approval of the 4th Budget Supplement**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 4<sup>th</sup> Supplement to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget be it approved.

#### **Portfolio Project Report**

1. Development and Implementation of in-house CDOT Portfolio, Cash, and Program Management capabilities to deliver CDOT's RAMP and normal capital construction programs valued collectively at \$900 million per year.
2. Provide limited Portfolio, Cash, and Program Management support (including Performance Metrics) immediately.

#### **Selected Deliverables**

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Date</b>
Begin Monthly Performance Metric Reporting (Anticipated)	November 2013
Final Report – Document and Evaluate Current Organization, Processes, and Systems	November 2013
Final Report – Recommendations Concerning Organization, Processes & Systems, Performance Metrics, Internal Controls, and Cash Balance Targets	February 2014

### **Resolution Number TC-3102**

#### **Adopting a request to the approve the Capital Development Committee of the General Assembly for FY 2014-15 Capital Construction Funds**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Capital Development Committee of the General Assembly for FY 2014-15 Capital Construction Funds is approved.

#### **Resolution Number TC-3102**

#### **Adopting a request to the Capital Development Committee of the General Assembly for FY 2014-15 Capital Construction Funds**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with C.R.S. 2-3-1304(1)(a.5) and C.R.S. 43-1-113(2.5), the Capital Development Committee of the General Assembly shall determine certain projects that may be funded with Capital Construction Fund monies for state highway reconstruction, repair, or maintenance projects; and


**WHEREAS** the Transportation Commission shall submit an annual request to the Capital Development Committee (CDC) for Capital Construction Fund monies; and

**WHEREAS**, such request shall consist of a prioritized list of recommended state highway reconstruction, repair, and maintenance projects based on statewide transportation improvement programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department developed a project list with a single high priority project, Hanging Lake Tunnel lighting infrastructure upgrades, with a request amount of \$1.615 million, which can utilize Capital Construction Fund monies during Fiscal Year 2014-15; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission recognizes that approval and funding of this project list are contingent upon available revenue and other statewide priorities for Capital Construction Fund monies as determined by the Governor and the General Assembly.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission approves a request of \$1.615 million for Hanging Lake Tunnel lighting improvements, and Department staff is instructed to submit the request to the Capital Development Committee for consideration and approval for funding.

  
**Herman Stockinger III, Secretary**  
**Transportation Commission of Colorado**

9-30-13  
**Date**

**Resolution Number TC-3100**

**Adopting a request to approve the High Performance Transportation Enterprise's (HPTE) and Colorado Department of Transportation's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the HPTE/CDOT MOU is approved.

**Resolution #TC-3100**

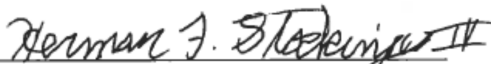
**1-WHEREAS** the Transportation Commission is responsible, pursuant to C.R.S. 43-1-106(8), for formulating the general policy of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT); and

**2-WHEREAS** in furtherance of the Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise's (HPTE) business purposes, the HPTE Board and the Transportation Commission have determined it is necessary and convenient to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to advance and promote the respective mission of CDOT and the HPTE by defining their operating roles and responsibilities as they relate to those missions; and

**3-WHEREAS** circumstances may arise that warrant deviation from the roles and responsibilities outlined in the MOU; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Transportation Commission hereby approves the MOU between CDOT and HPTE and authorizes CDOT's Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of CDOT.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Transportation Commission also authorizes CDOT's Executive Director and Chief Engineer to deviate from the specific CDOT roles and responsibilities outlined in the MOU if a particular project or circumstance warrants such a deviation; provided the Executive Director or Chief Engineer, as applicable, shall timely report to the Chairperson of the Transportation Commission any significant deviations from the roles and responsibilities so outlined in the MOU.

  
**Herman Stockinger III, Secretary**  
**Transportation Commission of Colorado**

9-30-13  
**Date**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Disaster Emergency Efforts to Colorado's Transportation Infrastructure is approved.

**Approval of Department Requested Measures for Immediate Response to Disaster Emergency Efforts to Colorado's Transportation Infrastructure**

**Resolution # TC-3103**

**Approval of Department Requested Measures for Immediate Response to Disaster Emergency Efforts to Colorado's Transportation Infrastructure**

**WHEREAS**, § 43-1-106 (8)(h) C.R.S. gives authority to the Transportation Commission of Colorado ("Commission") to promulgate and adopt all Colorado Department of Transportation ("Department") budgets, subject to § 43-1-113 C.R.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 43-1-113(9)(c), C.R.S., by Resolution No. TC-3068 dated April 19, 2013, the Commission adopted a final Budget Allocation Plan for FY2013-14; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. TC-3068 dated April 19, 2013, the Commission established and approved the Contingency Fund for FY13-14; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning the week of September 9, 2013, heavy rainfall began falling west of Interstate 25 from south of Colorado Springs to the Wyoming border, resulting in widespread damage to the State's transportation infrastructure, isolation of the towns of Estes Park, Jamestown, Lyons and Nederland, and the closure of numerous roads due to flooding, and rock and mudslides; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2013, President Obama signed the "Colorado Emergency Declaration," FEMA Release Number: HQ-13-098, making the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Aid available to the State of Colorado to supplement state and local response efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor John Hickenlooper signed Executive Order D 2013-026 "Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Flooding in Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Boulder, Denver, El Paso, Fremont, Jefferson, Larimer, Logan, Morgan Pueblo, Washington, and Weld Counties (Front Range Flooding)"; and

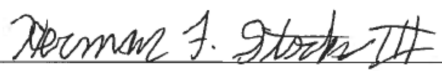
**WHEREAS**, the Department is working with the Federal government and other State agencies in the emergency relief and restoration effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will recover as many dollars of expended funds in this emergency relief and restoration as allowed by funding agencies;

**WHEREAS**, in order to respond immediately to the needs of Colorado citizens, the Department requests that the Commission approve the transfer of funding from the Transportation Commission Contingency Fund to the Emergency Relief Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Commission permits any two of the Executive Director, or senior staff approved by the Executive Director, to add, budget and expend funds to and from the Commission Contingency Fund. Any transaction executed under this Resolution must contain two senior staff signatures (one of which may include the Executive Director). The Commission shall thereafter review and approve actions taken under this Resolution regarding emergency relief efforts related to Executive Order D 2013-026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Commission supports temporary suspension of compliance with the \$ 50,000 and \$ 150,000 maintenance caps contained in § 24-92-109(1), C.R.S. for emergency relief efforts related to Executive Order D 2013-026.

  
**Herman Stockinger III**  
**Transportation Secretary**

9-30-13  
**Date**

## **Acknowledgements**

**CDOT Softball Champs Honored** The Colorado Transportation Commission and CDOT senior staff honored CDOT's 2013 State Employees League softball state champions during the commission meeting held in Denver on Sept. 19, 2013.

Eight members, or just less than half of the total roster of the team, were on hand along with the large state title trophy to help mark the ninth state championship for CDOT overall (one was won during time of the Colorado Department of Highways), including eight since 1997. The most recent was claimed on Aug. 3 at City Park when CDOT outscored four opponents 54-14 in four games on the way to the title, including an overwhelming 15-0 victory in the championship game against a team that had defeated CDOT earlier in the regular season.

Team members on hand for the recognition ceremonies are pictured above. They are, **Becky Allen** (Human Resources); **Andria Schmid** (Region 1 Engineering); **Johnie Abad** (Procurement Services); and **Jennifer Cahill** (Office of Information Technology; **Mark Ceja** (Risk Management); **Phil Caldwell** (Transportation Development); **Ted Abad** (Facilities Management); and **Erik Nicholson** (Office of Information Technology).

CDOT Executive Director **Don Hunt** noted the team's impressive State Employees Softball League record over the past 17 years:

- 208-38 in all regular season games;
- 52-8 in playoff games;
- Eight state championships.]

## **CDOT Pro Cycle Race Support Honored**

The Colorado Transportation Commission and CDOT honored CDOT employees who were directly involved with supporting the 2013 Pro Cycle Challenge bicycle races across Colorado that occurred in August.

Although CDOT's support may be somewhat 'behind the scenes,' it encompasses several important areas and requires many hours of planning and execution that begin months ahead of the race and extend throughout the race week's seven stages.

Specifically, CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt cited collaboration with the Colorado State Patrol, route review and establishment, traffic control measures, detour determination, electronic sign messaging, right of way use policies, coordination with CDOT and county/local construction and maintenance projects, media and public information services, and highway preparation and security among the many areas of CDOT involvement.

"None of this is easy to do," Mr. Hunt told the Commissioners and CDOT senior staff. He cited the fact that approximately 4,000 highway accesses required controlling during the time the racers and the 100-vehicle procession were in the

immediate area. "The race peloton and supporting caravan of support vehicles has been described as a non-stop presidential motorcade," he said.

The organizers and CDOT personnel who assisted on race week who were specifically honored were:

- **Betsy Jacobsen**, CDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator;
- **Mike Goolsby**, Grand Junction Maintenance Section 2 Superintendent, R3;
- **Clark Roberts**, Region 1 Traffic Engineer;
- **Rod Mead**, CDOT Traffic Operations Center;
- **Scott Hoftiezer**, Region 1 Engineering;
- **Ashley Mohr**, Office of Communications;
- **Bob Wilson**, Office of Communications; and
- **Charles Meyer**, CDOT Safety & Traffic Engineering Branch Manager.

Mr. Hunt also paid tribute to the scores of CDOT maintenance professionals who assisted in many ways, especially but not limited to traffic control, on race day as the procession moved through their individual areas, and the many engineering and traffic employees who worked to help ensure that the race went on smoothly in their project areas. He concluded, "Congratulations to all of you for a huge job done well."

He noted that the pro cycle event is a major economic generator for Colorado. It is estimated that the spectator counts for the entire week along all seven stages number more than one million.

### **Other Matters**

Chairman Aden confirmed with the gathering that there were no other matters to come before the Commission for the month of September.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Aden announced that the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Date